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INTRODUCTION

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.			Males.	Females.	Total.
Census—					
1901 (31st March)	..	..	603,720	597,350	1,201,070
1911 (3rd April)	..	..	655,591	659,960	1,315,551
1921 (4th April)	..	..	754,724	776,556	1,531,280
1933 (30th June)	..	..	903,244	917,017	1,820,261
1947 (30th June) (a)	..	..	1,014,508	1,040,744	2,055,252
At 31st December—					
1942 (a)	..	..	970,887	991,771	1,962,658
1943 (a)	..	..	979,884	1,002,005	1,981,889
1944 (a)	..	..	987,323	1,010,997	1,998,320
1945 (a)	..	..	995,333	1,020,250	2,015,583
1946 (a)	..	..	1,006,990	1,033,291	2,040,281

(a) Subject to revision.

Note.—Particulars are estimated in respect of dates other than census dates.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population. (a)			Infantile Mortality.		
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.			
Year ended 31st December—										
1939	17,368	30,493	20,169	1,085	9.24	16.23	10.73	35.58
1942	23,636	35,927	21,973	1,496	12.06	18.33	11.21	41.64
1943	18,356	39,117	21,327	1,399	9.30	19.82	10.81	35.76
1944	17,857	39,358	20,502	1,258	8.97	19.78	10.30	31.96
1945	16,501	41,200	20,496	1,155	8.22	20.53	10.21	28.03
1946	21,405	46,693	21,534	1,268	10.57	23.05	10.63	27.16
Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population.										
1947—										
March Quarter	..	4,973	12,575	4,724	294	9.72	24.59	9.24	23.38	
June Quarter	..	5,386	11,646	4,992	284	10.53	22.77	9.76	24.39	
September Quarter	..	4,374	11,488	6,213	349	8.51	22.36	12.09	30.38	

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December, 1946.	September Quarter—	
		1946.	1947.
Tuberculosis	..	711	178
Cancer	..	2,836	689
Diabetes	..	432	121
Cerebral Haemorrhage, &c.	..	2,138	610
Diseases of the Heart	..	6,689	1,942
Arteriosclerosis	..	510	153
Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia	..	1,246	420
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	..	118	34
Nephritis	..	1,301	370
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II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.
(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.					
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.									
1933—June ..	73.2	215.4	288.6	4.1	(e)	38.7(g)	42.3	65.3	32.8(f)
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9	35.9
1941—July ..	106.8	296.6	403.4	5.8	166.6	40.5	48.4	28.8	34.0
1942—June ..	113.8	261.7	375.5	4.6	167.0	29.2	47.4	22.5	27.7
1943—June ..	107.0	248.2	355.2	3.7	168.5	16.2	46.0	20.2	24.9
1944—June ..	106.5	245.6	352.1	3.4	167.0	16.6	45.5	20.3	26.0
1945—August ..	106.2	254.6	360.8	3.6	166.7	21.7	47.3	22.3	28.1
1946—June ..	115.2	302.7	417.9	4.4	179.8	32.0	55.0	29.6	37.9
1947—January ..	123.7	313.7	437.4	4.7	177.2	35.9	60.2	32.1	42.4
June ..	125.9	326.7	452.6	4.5	186.7	38.4	59.8	32.7	42.4
July ..	126.1	329.1	455.2	4.6	187.9	38.8	60.4	33.1	42.7
August ..	126.0	329.6	455.6	4.6	189.2	38.9	59.5	33.0	42.8
September ..	126.9	330.6	457.5	4.6	188.7	39.6	60.1	33.3	43.7
October ..	128.0	332.8	460.8	4.6	189.2	40.3	60.7	33.7	43.5
November ..	127.8	334.2	462.0	4.6	189.8	40.2	60.7	34.2	43.5
December ..	128.7	334.9	463.6	4.7	189.4	40.1	61.8	35.1	43.8
FEMALES.									
1933—June ..	13.9	104.3	118.2	..	(e)	0.2	3.3	26.6	36.9(f)
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8	34.3
1941—July ..	25.8	160.2	186.0	0.1	79.1	0.4	5.9	29.7	12.1
1942—June ..	37.1	161.4	198.5	0.2	82.7	0.5	8.1	29.9	14.4
1943—June ..	45.8	159.6	205.4	0.1	86.1	0.5	11.0	28.0	14.2
1944—June ..	44.4	153.9	198.3	0.1	82.4	0.5	11.2	26.7	14.4
1945—August ..	40.7	151.6	192.3	0.1	79.9	0.5	10.9	26.6	14.6
1946—June ..	30.6	153.1	183.7	0.1	75.2	0.6	9.4	27.4	13.9
1947—January ..	29.1	157.4	186.5	0.1	75.4	0.7	9.7	29.1	14.4
June ..	30.0	160.5	190.5	0.1	77.9	0.7	9.6	28.6	14.5
July ..	30.0	162.5	192.5	0.1	79.2	0.7	9.6	28.4	14.7
August ..	29.9	162.6	192.5	0.1	79.1	0.7	9.6	28.4	14.8
September ..	29.8	162.8	192.6	0.1	79.0	0.7	9.7	28.6	14.8
October ..	29.8	163.9	193.7	0.1	79.3	0.8	9.9	28.9	14.9
November ..	29.6	165.4	195.0	0.1	79.8	0.7	9.6	29.9	14.8
December ..	29.4	164.4	193.8	0.1	78.6	0.8	9.7	30.4	14.8
PERSONS									
1933—June ..	87.1	319.7	406.8	4.1	137.1	38.9(g)	45.6	91.9	69.7(f)
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7	70.2
1941—July ..	132.6	456.8	589.4	5.9	245.7	40.9	54.3	58.5	46.1
1942—June ..	150.9	423.1	574.0	4.8	249.7	29.7	55.5	52.4	42.1
1943—June ..	152.8	407.8	560.6	3.8	254.6	16.7	57.0	48.2	39.1
1944—June ..	150.9	399.5	550.4	3.5	249.4	17.1	56.7	47.0	40.4
1945—August ..	146.9	406.2	553.1	3.7	246.6	22.2	58.2	48.9	42.7
1946—June ..	145.8	455.8	601.6	4.5	255.0	32.6	64.4	57.0	51.8
1947—January ..	152.8	471.1	623.9	4.8	252.6	36.6	69.9	61.2	56.8
June ..	155.9	487.2	643.1	4.6	264.6	39.1	69.4	61.3	57.9
July ..	156.1	491.6	647.7	4.7	267.1	39.5	70.0	61.5	58.2
August ..	155.9	492.2	648.1	4.7	268.3	39.6	69.1	61.4	58.2
September ..	156.7	493.4	650.1	4.7	267.7	40.3	69.8	61.9	58.5
October ..	157.8	496.7	654.5	4.7	268.5	41.1	70.6	62.6	59.2
November ..	157.4	499.6	657.0	4.7	269.6	40.9	70.3	64.1	59.3
December ..	158.1	499.3	657.4	4.8	268.0	40.9	71.5	65.5	59.4

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, and Defence Forces. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. From June, 1945, all figures subject to revision.

(b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities.

(c) From July, 1946, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c. and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., excluding female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

(f) Includes 2,258 males and 3,009 females "Clerks and Typists, Industry Undefined," so classified at 1933 Census.

(g) Includes 15,218 "Labourers, Industry Undefined," classified to the Building and Construction Industry at 1933 Census.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

(The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.)

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year ..	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8·6
1939	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10·4
1940	147	232,288	77	131,105	7,573	5·8
1941	146	270,343	79	151,902	3,742	2·5
1942	142	302,782	79	176,749	2,032	1·2
1943	142	311,791	77	196,784	1,356	0·7
1944	141	314,952	77	194,387	1,634	0·8
1945	139	306,649	77	186,112	1,548	0·9
1946	138	324,380	75	191,632	2,400	1·3
1947 .. ..	..	..	74	204,500	2,423	1·2
1932—June Quarter (a)	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27·7
1946—September Quarter	..	..	74	194,387	2,548	1·3
December Quarter	..	..	74	195,818	2,624	1·3
1947—March Quarter ..	..	..	74	198,772	3,143	1·6
June Quarter ..	..	..	74	204,715	2,323	1·1
September Quarter	..	..	74	207,012	2,471	1·2
December Quarter	..	..	74	207,499	1,753	0·8

(a) Peak of unemployment.

Note.—The unions covered by the returns, which are furnished to the Commonwealth Statistician, represent about 60 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)

(*Adult Males.*)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
September, 1939 ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
February, 1946 ..	98 0	94 0	95 0	96 0	99 0	98 0
May, 1946 ..	98 0	94 0	95 0	96 0	99 0	98 0
August, 1946 ..	99 0	95 0	96 0	97 0	99 0	99 0
November, 1946 ..	99 0	95 0	96 0	97 0	99 0	99 0
December, 1946 ..	106 0	101 0	102 0	104 0	106 0	106 0
February, 1947 ..	107 0	101 0	103 0	104 0	107 0	106 0
May, 1947 ..	107 0	102 0	103 0	106 0	107 0	107 0
August, 1947 ..	108 0	104 0	104 0	107 0	108 0	108 0
November, 1947 ..	109 0	104 0	105 0	108 0	109 0	109 0
February, 1948 ..	113 0	108 0	108 0	111 0	112 0	112 0

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers. Includes "prosperity loadings" (6s. per week).

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS (“C” SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923–27=1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
.. 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
.. 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
.. 1940 ..	964	906	920	941	954	960
.. 1941 ..	1,008	950	963	984	998	1,004
.. 1942 ..	1,100	1,037	1,054	1,065	1,078	1,095
.. 1943 ..	1,139	1,084	1,096	1,110	1,126	1,135
.. 1944 ..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
.. 1945 ..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
.. 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
.. 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
1945—March Quarter	1,132	1,086	1,099	1,114	1,135	1,129
June Quarter	1,134	1,086	1,098	1,112	1,135	1,131
September Qr.	1,135	1,085	1,099	1,114	1,139	1,132
December Qr.	1,137	1,085	1,099	1,112	1,145	1,133
1946—March Quarter	1,141	1,089	1,101	1,117	1,146	1,137
June Quarter	1,150	1,094	1,105	1,126	1,154	1,146
September Qr.	1,149	1,095	1,107	1,121	1,152	1,145
December Qr.	1,157	1,096	1,114	1,132	1,159	1,153
1947—March Quarter	1,159	1,104	1,118	1,144	1,164	1,156
June Quarter	1,175	1,123	1,130	1,161	1,175	1,171
September Qr.	1,189	1,132	1,139	1,170	1,185	1,185
December Qr.	1,227	1,170	1,177	1,203	1,219	1,223

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 86 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report*, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the “Agricultural Produce” group, while “Building Materials” include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1928–29 are published in the next statement.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri-cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861 Year	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871 , ,	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881 , ,	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891 , ,	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901 , ,	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911 , ,	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1921 , ,	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931 , ,	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1939 , ,	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941 , ,	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942 , ,	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943 , ,	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944 , ,	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945 , ,	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946 , ,	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1931-32 , ,	1,081	1,134	765	1,195	738	951	857	996	932	946
1940-41 , ,	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 , ,	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 , ,	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44 , ,	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217	1,396
1944-45 , ,	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 , ,	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,344	1,782	1,254	1,410
1946-47 , ,	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,402	1,313	1,802	1,378	1,768	1,286	1,429
1946-47—										
July	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,356	1,766	1,265	1,413
August	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,343	1,745	1,252	1,398
September	1,300	1,462	1,803	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,340	1,743	1,262	1,404
October	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,348	1,757	1,264	1,409
November	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,296	1,787	1,379	1,787	1,275	1,426
December	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,284	1,788	1,376	1,755	1,278	1,418
January	1,301	1,442	1,973	1,391	1,284	1,795	1,371	1,750	1,282	1,420
February	1,340	1,444	2,022	1,391	1,284	1,796	1,375	1,749	1,296	1,430
March	1,340	1,440	2,026	1,391	1,300	1,803	1,393	1,745	1,314	1,440
April	1,340	1,440	2,065	1,391	1,312	1,841	1,418	1,797	1,317	1,459
May	1,350	1,447	2,101	1,391	1,229	1,841	1,424	1,804	1,321	1,463
June	1,350	1,448	2,145	1,412	1,172	1,843	1,436	1,818	1,327	1,470
1947-48—										
July	1,353	1,519	2,136	1,412	1,149	1,845	1,428	1,832	1,327	1,475
August	1,353	1,536	2,430	1,412	1,149	1,847	1,429	1,857	1,331	1,486
September	1,358	1,578	2,522	1,424	1,216	1,847	1,441	1,891	1,342	1,504
October	1,359	1,578	2,589	1,434	1,216	1,855	1,473	1,922	1,357	1,524
November	1,392	1,578	2,813	1,434	1,296	1,894	1,504	1,948	1,394	1,557
December	1,510	1,632	2,805	1,434	1,294	1,902	1,531	1,955	1,447	1,596

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICES AND REPATRIATION
BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period.		Widows Pensions (b) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allow- ances (c) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (e)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Maintain- ing a Child.	Not Maintain- ing a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(d)	..	..
1920-21 ..	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31 ..	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39 ..	(a) 67,896	(a) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1940-41 ..	76,371	12,447	..	..	19,150	..	..
1941-42 ..	75,240	12,550	..	..	16,120	124,463	219,680
1942-43 ..	72,102	11,938	3,574	7,136	11,874	124,986	218,551
1943-44 ..	69,156	12,446	3,684	8,283	38,653	128,381	220,884
1944-45 ..	67,240	12,598	3,575	9,039	40,582	131,526	224,146
1945-46 ..	69,308	13,599	3,565	9,183	40,991	135,377	229,982
1946-47 ..	74,770	14,673	3,732	8,579	50,730	141,826	245,480
1st July, 1947, to 5th January, 1948 ..	77,345	15,066	3,900	7,395	23,792	145,442	251,038

(a) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

(b) Commenced from 1st July, 1942.

(c) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(d) Not available.

(e) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

Period.	Unemployment Benefits.(a)				Sickness Benefits.(a)			
	Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.		Entrances During Period.		On Benefit at End of Period.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	2,632	63	564	15	8,246	1,923	1,387	403
1946-47 Year ..	15,728	544	641	26	11,226	3,324	1,819	649
1st July, 1947, to 29th November, 1948 (b) ..	631	45	117	7	5,872	1,895	1,692	686

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) Subject to revision.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
At 30th June—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	.. ..	.. ..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	.. ..	.. ..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1941	25,107	7,977	41,036	74,120	2,092	1,353
1942	25,375	8,493	38,435	72,303	3,034	1,462
1943	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2,105	1,204
1944	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2,071	1,193
1945	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2,145	1,148
1946	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
1947	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
At 31st December,						
1947	40,937	13,182	49,808	103,927	2,707	1,185

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars are inclusive of war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War and of service pensions in respect of the South African War and 1914–1918 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate (a).	Total.		
	Direct.		Via Other States.			Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.				
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938-39 Year	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979 8,537	
1945-46	172	798	166	873	1,104	1,815	1,442 3,486	
1946-47	196	896	274	1,381	1,208	2,564	1,678 4,841	
1946-47—								
September Quarter ..	46	188	62	337	293	616	401 1,141	
December Quarter ..	60	301	62	310	302	646	424 1,257	
March Quarter ..	47	203	69	361	306	639	422 1,203	
June Quarter ..	43	204	81	373	307	663	431 1,240	
1947-48—								
September Quarter ..	48	219	100	476	297	630	445 1,325	
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938-39	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989 8,480	
1945-46	171	839	137	598	1,126	2,045	1,434 3,482	
1946-47	182	823	269	1,294	1,207	2,687	1,658 4,804	
1946-47—								
September Quarter ..	40	175	55	269	297	653	392 1,097	
December Quarter ..	51	246	60	288	314	759	425 1,293	
March Quarter ..	45	195	68	341	309	649	422 1,185	
June Quarter ..	46	207	86	396	287	626	419 1,229	
1947-48—								
September Quarter ..	41	175	71	342	312	738	424 1,255	

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

Note.—The statement excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM
 VICTORIAN PORTS.

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
	IMPORTS.		
	£	£	£
BRITISH CURRENCY.			
Year ended 30th June—			
1939	35,015,419	439,917	35,455,336
1944	89,214,923	1,037,389	90,252,312
1945	64,507,613	260,929	64,768,542
1946	53,952,607	95,742	54,048,349
1947 (a)	66,937,985	120,386	67,058,371
AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.			
Six months ended 31st December, 1947 (a)	55,941,817	41,253	55,983,070
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY).			
Year ended 30th June—	£	£	£
1939	28,387,611	2,431,401	30,819,012
1944	36,546,893	..	36,546,893(b)
1945	40,070,161	..	40,070,161(b)
1946	49,505,101	26,411,264	75,916,365
1947 (a)	88,601,624	9,734	88,611,358
Six months ended 31st December, 1947 (a)	48,083,556	513,504	48,597,060

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Exclusive of Victoria's portion (which is not available) of exports on Government account estimated for Australia at £A.12,600,000 in 1941-42, £A.2,500,000 in 1942-43, £A.10,000,000 in 1943-44, and £A.2,000,000 in 1944-45.

 VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
 VICTORIAN PORTS. (SUBJECT TO REVISION.)

(As a result of an amendment to the *Customs Act* 1901-1936, the basis of valuation of imports for duty was varied on the 15th November, 1947. Prior to that date imports were valued in British Currency and represented the F.O.B. value at Port of Shipment plus the statutory ten per centum imposed for value for duty purposes. From 15th November, 1947, the statutory ten per centum was eliminated and all imports were valued in Australian Currency, the value for duty of imports therefore represents the F.O.B. Value at Port of Shipment. All import values shown in the following tables for 1947-48 are expressed on the revised basis of valuation in Australian Currency F.O.B. at Port of Shipment.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
	British Currency.	Australian Currency.	British Currency.	Australian Currency.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£	£	£	£
Fish	20,510	213,679	65,546	354,861
Other Animal Foodstuffs	36,822	45,782	93,762	171,750
Total, Class I.	57,332	259,461	159,308	526,611

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
 VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
	British Currency.	Australian Currency.	British Currency.	Australian Currency.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Nuts, Edible	30,502	105,420	70,404	182,194
Spices	29,353	25,956	95,430	112,692
Coffee and Chicory	19,523	949	37,577	21,111
Tea	465,162	921,315	912,073	1,453,796
Cocoa and Chocolate	7,257	49,794	24,979	257,574
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. ..	13,710	131,160	37,607	290,936
Total, Class II.	565,507	1,234,594	1,178,070	2,318,303
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	6,786	50,736	24,480	73,987
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	77,402	458,931	531,358	1,240,107
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	9,342	11,470	36,817	46,630
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	236,583	204,434	525,660	422,868
Wool	30,915	74,873	60,030	342,287
Silk, Raw	144,645	72,164	144,645	227,119
Other Animal Substances	53,398	86,818	80,755	151,904
Total, Class VI.	465,541	438,289	811,090	1,144,178
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	184,881	80,275	365,677	144,110
Fibres	442,986	568,632	654,033	1,050,007
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	43,866	70,110	109,252	154,714
Cork and Cork Manufactures	43,279	24,430	55,139	64,254
Plastic Materials (except Fibres)	112,479	233,367	221,773	640,253
Other Vegetable Substances	74,513	117,110	130,378	222,917
Total, Class VII.	902,004	1,093,924	1,536,252	2,276,255
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns	512,322	926,032	922,730	2,068,024
Manufactured Fibres	212,224	960,536	400,034	1,562,174
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	2,102,775	4,714,486	4,390,070	10,500,696
Other	403,732	787,664	763,288	1,555,115
Apparel	306,876	741,225	533,745	1,455,582
Total, Class VIII.	3,537,929	8,129,943	7,009,867	17,141,591
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	561,671	1,326,070	889,372	2,359,625
Kerosene	127,042	384,173	207,539	592,326
Residual	360,917	520,296	472,813	729,659
Lubricating (Mineral)	165,647	388,752	310,897	856,741
Other	120,181	140,323	134,521	223,129
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	93,075	396,429	251,311	828,665
Total, Class IX.	1,428,533	3,156,043	2,266,453	5,590,145

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
	British Currency.	Australian Currency.	British Currency.	Australian Currency.
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	£ 79,148	£ 111,868	£ 180,300	£ 252,682
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	156,721	187,937	268,149	359,232
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANUFACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	508,354	638,297	941,273	1,548,198
Other	49,246	89,250	82,305	179,315
Tools of Trade	71,996	165,275	137,068	313,470
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	662,569	205,602	1,045,944	496,201
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	40,424	10,152	84,870	40,485
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts ..	1,177,495	1,248,988	2,294,380	2,528,681
Other Vehicles and Parts ..	98,891	219,745	189,976	435,138
Other Metals and Manufactures ..	448,438	645,422	821,914	1,457,388
Total, Class XII.(a) ..	3,057,413	3,222,731	5,597,730	6,998,876
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.—				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery ..	64,779	100,789	130,566	239,961
Wireless (Radio) Equipment ..	23,535	34,743	49,839	64,144
Other Electrical Machinery, &c. ..	219,999	403,094	418,716	763,344
Total, Class XII.(b) ..	308,313	538,626	599,121	1,067,449
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances	663,375	676,909	1,178,037	1,487,308
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances	119,131	571,567	202,541	1,053,934
Roller and Ball Bearings	38,209	150,870	85,006	273,867
Other Machines and Machinery ..	651,071	1,062,242	1,092,165	1,997,832
Total, Class XII.(c) ..	1,471,786	2,461,588	2,557,749	4,812,941
Total, Class XII. ..	4,837,512	6,222,945	8,754,600	12,879,266
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	324,944	207,970	1,015,860	635,406
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	45,147	15,072	99,249	27,812
Elastics	41,478	84,693	67,343	207,188
Other	33,930	56,467	78,495	113,385
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	10,265	56,363	19,959	110,391
Total, Class XIII. ..	455,764	420,565	1,280,906	1,094,182
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	157,693	150,737	235,517	530,415
Other Wood and Wicker	16,752	55,132	48,690	101,193
Total, Class XIV. ..	174,445	205,869	284,207	631,608

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
	British Currency.	Australian Currency.	British Currency.	Australian Currency.
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—				
Glass and Glassware	85,188	266,075	130,724	499,097
Crockery and Household Ware	89,574	156,927	154,300	373,149
Other Earthenware, &c.	37,554	64,537	60,532	90,732
Total, Class XV.	212,316	487,539	345,556	962,978
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—				
Pulp for Papermaking	103,183	262,547	399,898	616,166
Paper—				
Printing	364,887	812,741	679,100	1,434,997
Writing and Typewriting	52,197	189,436	266,412	348,416
Wrapping	101,233	169,947	184,475	378,224
Other	57,243	116,826	138,392	226,446
Millboards and Other Boards	24,409	153,881	50,519	263,197
Total, Class XVI.(a)	703,152	1,705,378	1,718,796	3,267,446
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURERS AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	186,810	274,574	383,835	516,840
Other Stationery, &c.	118,674	314,120	200,578	570,968
Total, Class XVI.(b)	305,484	588,694	584,413	1,087,808
Total, Class XVI.	1,008,636	2,294,072	2,303,209	4,355,254
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	132,770	154,140	216,900	297,225
Jewellery	45,802	97,432	163,037	187,972
Timepieces	65,749	125,602	128,246	230,403
Total, Class XVII.	244,321	377,174	508,183	715,600
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	154,638	257,827	347,458	504,216
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	515,762	728,042	948,451	1,413,410
Fertilizers	216,271	197,416	395,036	461,780
Total, Class XIX.	732,033	925,458	1,343,487	1,875,190
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	81,725	88,313	217,503	297,155
Bags, Baskets, &c.	25,816	23,963	40,359	56,817
Brushware	27,261	30,322	41,322	64,538
Outside Packages	295,515	520,130	553,579	1,036,347
All Other Articles	185,477	269,640	310,558	498,945
Total, Class XX.	615,794	932,368	1,163,321	1,953,802
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER : BRONZE SPECIE	38,357	15,612	67,201	41,253
Grand Total	15,760,061	27,272,625	30,400,272	55,983,070

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).
(Australian Currency Values.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	197,100	45,362	295,967	77,063
Lamb	1,287,669	1,419,894	1,656,555	1,621,190
Mutton	141,459	36,548	329,271	77,403
Pork	13,990	25,757	131,342	52,448
Poultry	37,293	95,725	66,075	300,608
Rabbits and Hares	83,033	265,626	185,643	663,804
Other	52,163	85,337	85,431	110,537
Preserved in Tins	496,295	356,564	1,191,498	717,116
Sausage Casings	74,232	69,578	152,855	110,519
Other	73,183	58,410	88,755	112,330
Butter	2,831,072	3,199,023	4,422,162	4,243,121
Cheese	277,107	426,144	633,989	854,677
Eggs	370,856	835,990	492,943	1,028,105
Honey	21,573	55,541	35,625	160,414
Milk and Cream	969,620	1,150,896	1,540,197	1,606,537
Other Animal Foodstuffs	132,498	94,109	244,323	243,605
Total, Class I.	7,059,143	8,220,504	11,552,631	11,979,477
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	20	1,282,820	40	2,018,539
Millet	16,043	10,321	48,336	56,093
Other	381	25,486	1,836	58,009
Prepared—				
Barley, pearl and scotch ..	53,939	158,471	103,800	192,966
Rice	66,893	94,122	105,662	198,798
Flour (Wheaten)	860,653	2,353,677	2,277,808	5,610,363
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats ..	202,699	54,217	345,675	203,889
Other	112,857	137,658	201,482	363,130
Marcaroni and Vermicelli ..	20,152	25,124	45,262	47,871
Biscuits	30,907	7,404	45,896	13,210
Other	1,936	115	4,180	916
Vegetables—				
Potatoes, Fresh	33,940	54,053	69,709	135,861
Potatoes, Dried .. .. ..	..	..	..	..
Peas	42,439	42,003	88,652	70,743
Preserved in liquid and pulped ..	35,489	64,682	62,084	113,956
Other	5,189	53,678	18,078	56,172
Fruits—				
Fresh	98,488	108,967	217,570	152,654
Dried	137,456	227,818	951,116	931,383
Preserved in liquid	189,710	479,678	503,016	1,310,478
Pulped	4,209	671	21,095	22,682
Jams and Jellies	220,611	318,780	397,374	575,070
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	398,997	232,341	682,320	541,326
Total, Class II.	2,533,008	5,732,086	6,190,991	12,674,109
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	158,719	75,894	309,199	180,386

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—continued.

Article.		Quarter Ended 31st December—		Six Months Ended 31st December—	
		1946.		1947.	
		£	£	£	£
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	.. .. ..	2,018	7,253	2,738	14,401
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	.. ..	23,158	22,195	51,726	44,608
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—					
Hides and Skins—					
Rabbit and Hare	465,316	348,852	1,564,575	1,277,935	
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	17,793	26,469	20,348	33,526	
Sheep	1,555,342	1,103,666	2,290,919	1,624,232	
Other	39,514	9,377	85,006	18,942	
Wool—					
Greasy	3,027,014	5,972,319	7,290,442	7,570,216	
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	1,858,043	1,979,907	4,033,694	4,728,765	
Other Animal Substances	4,292	17,188	6,914	23,158	
Total, Class VI.	6,967,314	9,457,778	15,291,898	15,276,774	
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—					
Fibres	112,867	69,493	208,923	113,692	
Other Vegetable Substances	20,230	58,399	82,751	110,445	
Total, Class VII.	133,097	127,892	291,674	224,137	
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—					
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	266,442	796,913	487,025	1,030,517	
Textiles	763,290	665,814	1,678,970	1,043,513	
Apparel	424,623	156,870	961,146	388,221	
Total, Class VIII.	1,454,355	1,619,597	3,127,141	2,462,251	
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—					
Tallow, unrefined	17,888	46,042	30,555	100,226	
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	61,364	88,926	129,776	166,077	
Total, Class IX.	79,252	134,968	160,331	266,303	
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	14,265	12,614	19,268	19,936	
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.	87,269	86,741	229,920	220,196	
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—					
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	855,093	697,290	1,850,200	1,274,295	
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	74,260	63,820	119,064	176,065	
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	255,402	619,962	578,718	1,005,413	
Total, Class XII.	1,184,755	1,381,072	2,547,982	2,455,773	

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS—continued.

Article.	Article.	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended	
		31st December—		31st December—	
		1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—		£	£	£	£
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	125,440	67,045	251,031	147,423	
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	378,679	227,851	680,557	495,335	
Total, Class XIII. ..	504,119	294,896	931,588	642,758	
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	9,486	16,665	20,946	32,577	
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	17,475	17,798	38,346	44,811	
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—					
Pulp, Paper, and Board ..	16,178	7,534	67,953	22,555	
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	53,963	57,475	125,706	126,773	
Total, Class XVI. ..	70,141	65,009	193,659	149,328	
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES ..	55,372	29,583	92,302	57,187	
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ..	33,032	56,833	83,467	158,514	
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—					
Soap ..	58,531	2,500	102,252	15,367	
Fertilizers ..	523	147	609	294	
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	559,665	301,386	934,256	657,945	
Total, Class XIX. ..	618,719	304,033	1,037,117	673,606	
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—					
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	28,794	127,234	50,905	147,886	
Personal and Household Effects ..	55,892	39,238	137,182	98,433	
All Other Articles ..	119,589	123,681	319,060	260,105	
Total, Class XX. ..	204,275	290,153	507,147	506,424	
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER BRONZE SPECIE ..	6,661	165,142	9,454	513,504	
Australian Produce ..	21,088,997	26,998,023	42,364,691	47,251,449	
Other Produce ..	126,636	1,120,683	324,834	1,345,611	
Grand Total ..	21,215,633	28,118,706	42,689,525	48,597,060	

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

Imports of Products or Manufactures of—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1947.(a)
	1939.	1946.	1947.(a)	
	British Currency Values—			
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	14,540,751	21,915,973	25,089,477	18,391,593
Africa, British East	36,197	325,498	242,735	24,550
Borneo (British)	12,458	17,283	102,034	153,757
Burma	6,662	97	5,233	1,499
Canada	2,665,240	2,713,155	4,737,880	2,902,925
Ceylon	213,320	2,265,887	2,118,909	1,293,947
Hong Kong	7,251	1,841	21,146	29,806
India	793,488	3,312,927	5,141,487	3,887,869
Malaya (British)	485,251	2,582	1,279,279	822,071
Mauritius	51	..	..	..
New Zealand	991,983	1,118,320	1,547,143	892,995
Pacific Islands (British)	671,247	3,925	47,287	112,213
Palestine	7,245	52,177	22,067	7,314
Singapore	(b)	(b)	(b)	14,725
South African Union	84,676	308,893	629,533	528,184
Other British Possessions	158,286	660,769	1,080,356	743,324
Bahrein Island	266,517	328,675	1,323,315	820,194
Belgium	353,216	45,289	501,783	702,606
China	140,900	8,782	349,900	197,893
Denmark	18,585	4,590	13,610	12,838
Egypt	70,436	334,964	375,342	118,691
France	394,105	9,001	542,005	678,407
Germany	1,537,847	9,857	110,685	177,838
Iran	382,568	1,965,770	2,135,187	1,491,321
Italy	257,160	2,839	821,855	436,892
Japan	1,716,486	588	535,471	460,962
Mexico	2,840	16,318	25,412	27,850
Netherlands	209,945	1,518	142,371	290,161
Netherlands East Indies	2,044,057	29,583	55,608	371,222
Norway	143,595	11,092	183,890	338,060
Soviet Union	74,261	3,506	8,021	30,356
Sweden	459,959	283,984	642,625	691,810
Switzerland	406,975	316,495	402,970	420,575
United States of America	4,792,784	15,972,840	14,227,684	16,553,765
Other Foreign Countries	763,917	1,057,031	1,110,116	1,259,342
Country not stated .. .. .. ..	..	125,532	226,538	59,168
Total (excluding Outside Packages)..	34,710,259	53,227,581	65,798,954	54,946,723

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Included in "Malaya (British)".

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1947.(a)
	1939.	1946.	1947.(a)	
	Australian Currency Values—			
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	15,266,925	39,288,645	28,247,445	18,050,485
Africa, British East	2,625	44,640	106,331	50,709
Borneo (British)	3,958	229,883	246,919	79,813
Burma	22,727	18,551	411,685	448,111
Canada	492,839	1,516,156	1,911,946	498,547
Ceylon	144,742	2,413,350	3,194,920	2,278,417
Hong Kong	164,238	1,081,189	2,416,678	2,042,713
India	342,958	7,242,324	4,121,914	3,551,254
Malaya (British)	618,214	1,913,222	6,060,455	2,103,803
Mauritius	64,568	296,185	1,248,577	794,873
New Zealand	1,906,752	2,173,421	3,878,968	2,763,312
Pacific Islands (British)	255,695	487,945	203,818	162,048
Palestine	4,232	556,832	1,020,895	747,333
Singapore	(b)	(b)	(b)	1,294,940
South African Union	500,433	617,960	1,740,089	519,363
Other British Possessions	212,421	88,382	832,505	1,104,404
Bahrein Island	948	2,796	22,990	10,407
Belgium	654,276	1,274,219	3,216,894	1,143,018
China	576,750	160,558	1,804,416	529,829
Denmark	16,796	119,207	607,763	246,612
Egypt	73,572	841,361	1,959,388	1,266,370
France	2,167,616	2,601,313	4,366,040	2,498,205
Germany	450,788	..	83,732	56,144
Iran	26	43,703	256,368	66,689
Italy	272,391	134,535	2,580,989	863,311
Japan	1,690,971	24,477	164,347	268,153
Mexico	35,134	456,080	459,561	58,443
Netherlands	149,453	114,922	505,013	204,218
Netherlands East Indies	613,570	314,531	30,266	1,506
Norway	17,963	15,215	153,686	98,083
Soviet Union .. .. .. ..	..	351,657	262,635	1,632
Sweden	171,354	257,510	1,021,286	238,107
Switzerland	4,002	38,647	305,312	170,418
United States of America	3,378,036	9,371,224	12,785,014	3,547,055
Other Foreign Countries	542,039	647,297	2,356,937	838,347
Country not stated .. .. ..	..	1,178,428	25,576	388
Total	30,819,012	75,916,365	88,611,358	48,597,060

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Included in "Malaya (British)".

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	Year Ended 30th June—			Six Months Ended 31st December, 1947.(a)
	1945.	1946.	1947.(a)	
Wool—				
Greasy .. ..	.. { lb. £	134,674,426 10,504,923	122,598,522 9,718,556	193,595,564 20,799,838
Scoured and Washed .. ..	.. { lb. £	18,376,296 2,149,169	17,577,493 2,421,215	44,391,722 6,658,839
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. ..	.. { lb. £	9,878,048 1,959,552	8,557,169 2,110,684	9,845,839 2,157,926
Butter .. ..	.. { lb. £	50,340,413 4,381,131	57,714,740 5,116,989	82,594,500 7,766,346
Wheat .. ..	.. { centals £	22,943 10,349	144 122	410,976 312,072
Flour (wheaten) .. ..	.. { centals £	2,973,159 1,689,926	2,556,857 2,897,017	4,429,523 7,025,624
Fruits—				
Dried .. ..	.. { lb. £	106,270,439 2,025,967	63,089,291 1,393,976	70,682,940 1,682,138
Fresh .. ..	.. { lb. £	7,270,800 143,913	17,666,700 297,547	19,131,200 477,743
Preserved in Liquid .. ..	.. { lb. £	9,921,572 183,678	23,545,821 518,786	45,197,285 1,368,813
Meats—				
Beef (frozen) .. ..	.. { lb. £	8,457,401 237,049	1,212,459 37,622	17,909,891 445,946
Lamb (frozen) .. ..	.. { lb. £	62,345,457 1,857,590	18,560,104 568,285	79,827,160 2,576,358
Mutton (frozen) .. ..	.. { lb. £	19,470,482 387,708	8,884,125 190,576	29,936,686 486,341
Pork (frozen) .. ..	.. { lb. £	13,346,400 509,909	10,479,042 409,856	4,013,637 169,480
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) .. ..	.. { pairs £	1,379,537 160,675	1,035,311 109,044	4,528,137 528,825
Preserved in Tins .. ..	.. { lb. £	22,291,310 1,132,070	28,092,602 1,461,462	34,444,231 2,061,345
Sausage Casings .. ..	.. { cwt. £	13,818 300,651	7,196 174,749	10,437 271,727
All Other Meats .. ..	.. .. £	520,919	392,849	578,379
Milk and Cream .. ..	.. .. £	1,051,847	1,425,160	2,733,230
Hides and Skins—				
Sheep .. ..	.. { lb. £	24,196,964 1,002,186	46,712,108 1,923,515	56,448,590 3,550,140
Calf, Cattle, Horse .. ..	.. { No. £	27,083 95,681	63,389 81,021	25,883 67,295
Rabbit and Hare .. ..	.. { lb. £	5,750,112 1,750,681	6,203,553 2,616,670	4,947,452 2,020,950
Other Skins .. ..	.. .. £	173,898	95,070	103,204
Tallow (unrefined) .. ..	.. { cwt. £	115,722 193,001	36,555 71,091	16,895 94,682
Eggs in shell .. ..	.. { dozen £	55,920 3,749	1,880,850 126,923	3,479,898 230,238
Eggs not in Shell .. ..	.. { lb. £	884,359 60,636	7,563,634 531,365	9,261,330 895,374
Cheese .. ..	.. { lb. £	16,573,648 1,086,603	11,923,578 642,800	30,259,127 1,430,698

(a) Subject to revision.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Three Months Ended 30th September, 1947.
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	
Average Mileage Operated ..	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,748	(b)
Traffic Train Miles Run '000	17,890	16,337	16,344	15,539	4,067
Passengers Journeys .. '000	142,124	195,698	196,118	170,165	45,565
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	7,275	6,609	6,861	1,948
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	(a) 730	(a) 620	700	(b)

(a) Estimated.

(b) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Gross Revenue £'000	9,284	15,258	14,675	13,577
Working Expenses £'000	8,060	12,832	12,531	12,916
Net Earnings (a) £'000	1,224	2,426	2,144	661
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt				
Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,225	2,209	2,131
Net Result for Year £'000	— 944	+ 201	— 65	— 1,470
Net Earnings on Capital Cost (b) .. %	2.33	4.59	4.55	1.23

(a) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(b) Capital cost as written down in accordance with *Railways (Finances Adjustment) Act 1936*.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Tramway Track Open—				
Double miles	(a) 127.344	124.778	124.777	125.996
Single miles	5.915	6.615	6.591	5.380
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48.616	67.613	68.602	68.602
Vehicle Mileage—				
Tramways miles	22,980,520	22,730,635	22,673,730	22,494,656
Motor Omnibuses miles	2,164,930	8,146,473	7,865,400	6,928,996
Passenger Journeys—				
Tramways No.	182,094,402	284,139,431	281,198,208	262,406,398
Motor Omnibuses No.	11,911,439	70,663,685	70,196,236	57,947,171
Revenue—	£	£	£	£
Traffic Receipts	2,304,946	3,990,553	4,004,377	3,847,643
Other	15,280	15,482	16,563	22,008
Total Revenue	2,320,226	4,006,035	4,020,940	3,869,651
Operating Expenses (b)	1,516,717	2,530,165	2,602,944	2,764,263
Surplus on Operation	803,509	1,475,870	1,417,996	1,105,388

(a) Including 7.894 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
REGISTRATION OF NEW VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1943-44	545	2,721	509	3,775	60
1944-45	533	1,813	437	2,783	84
1945-46	1,205	2,037	311	3,553	377
1946-47	6,122	3,222	1,411	10,755	1,642
Six months ended 31st December, 1947	5,374	3,118	1,406	9,898	1,425
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1943-44	13,920	2,481	2,909	19,310	4,224
1944-45	10,812	2,980	2,550	16,342	4,550
1945-46	12,417	6,586	2,924	21,927	6,235
1946-47	9,874	6,246	2,983	19,103	5,428
Six months ended 31st December, 1947	3,926	2,219	1,124	7,269	2,124
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.					
1938-39 Year	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1943-44	119,528	32,475	49,277	201,280	13,643
1944-45	127,119	35,139	52,014	214,272	15,164
1945-46	130,735	38,309	52,747	221,791	16,616
1946-47	137,859	44,689	53,548	236,096	19,102
Six months ended 31st December, 1947	77,359	24,994	26,221	128,574	11,505

(a) Includes private cars and commercial vehicles, separate particulars of which are not available.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES.

Type of Licence.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	467	1,102	1,172
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	282	431	2,192
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	749	1,533	3,364
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	1,134	1,849	2,348
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	442	822	1,058
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	1,576	2,671	3,406
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	6,465	7,937	9,136
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	791	903	1,038
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	6,385	7,392	8,022
Primary Producers	699	2,615	3,285	4,275
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	368	418	473
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	19,578	24,298	26,554
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	1,261	2,584	3,741
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	37,463	46,817	53,239
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	187	207	283
Grand Total	35,970	39,975	51,228	60,292

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Number of Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Number of Persons Killed.	Number of Persons Injured.	Number of Accidents in which no Person was Killed or Injured.	Total Number of Accidents.
<i>City of Melbourne.</i>					
1938-39 Year	1,537	53	1,650	4,087	5,624
1944-45	831	37	893	1,192	2,023
1945-46	1,064	42	1,156	1,557	2,621
1946-47	1,104	34	1,254	2,018	3,122
1947-48— September Quarter ..	297	13	314	553	850
<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>					
1938-39 Year	3,856	209	4,244	5,832	9,688
1944-45	1,952	93	2,149	1,784	3,736
1945-46	2,778	120	3,209	2,725	5,503
1946-47	3,515	155	3,997	3,949	7,464
1947-48— September Quarter ..	852	43	922	960	1,812
<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>					
1938-39 Year	1,705	218	2,180	2,462	4,167
1944-45	1,044	130	1,326	1,047	2,091
1945-46	1,443	174	1,837	1,604	3,047
1946-47	1,903	197	2,559	2,080	3,983
1947-48— September Quarter ..	447	36	535	581	1,028
<i>Total—Victoria.</i>					
1938-39 Year	7,098	480	8,074	12,381	19,479
1944-45	3,827	260	4,368	4,023	7,850
1945-46	5,285	336	6,202	5,886	11,171
1946-47	6,522	386	7,810	8,047	14,569
1947-48— September Quarter ..	1,596	92	1,771	2,094	3,690

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	4,100	4,295	4,669	5,847
Railways	9,349	16,109	15,590	14,822	13,785
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	2,300	2,687	2,728	2,551	2,688
Land	387	972	938	882	825
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,528	1,474	1,511	1,580
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
Income Tax Reimbursement (b) .. .. ..	..	6,318	6,423	6,431	} 8,771
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement (b) .. .. ..	..	373	373	373	
All other Revenue	857	1,330	1,325	1,825	1,736
Total Revenue	26,986	35,544	35,273	35,191	37,359
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	14 7 10	17 17 5	17 11 9	17 8 4	18 5 3

(a) For details see page 24.

(b) Under the provisions of the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursements Acts of 1942.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Public Debt Charges—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	6,354	6,285	6,214	6,055
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	703	687	645	585
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	1,192	1,327	1,407	1,474
Other	62	151	133	137	102
Railways	7,694	12,790	12,427	12,073	12,374
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	1,454	1,579	1,802	1,711
Education	3,123	3,654	3,976	4,362	5,216
Public Health	143	116	175	199	252
Hospitals	1,054	1,676	1,813	2,042	2,555
Other Charities (a)	2,302	908	760	584	537
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	1,814	1,789	1,769	2,028
All other Expenditure	2,962	4,112	3,973	3,951	4,465
Total Expenditure ..	27,773	34,924	34,924	35,185	37,354
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	14 16 4	17 11 2	17 8 3	17 8 3	18 5 2

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
State Taxation Collections—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	199	94	86	89
Land Tax	482	360	358	321	383
Probate Duty	1,374	1,778	1,854	1,825	2,461
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	824	887	1,071	1,335
Motor Taxation	1,914	1,582	1,655	1,847	2,094
Entertainments	677	488	646	878	969
Liquor	255	382	382	389	484
All other Taxes	110	102	107	110	127
Paid to Consolidated Revenue ..	10,085	4,100	4,295	4,669	5,847
Paid to Special Funds ..	1,938	1,615	1,688	1,858	2,095
Total	12,023	5,715	5,983	6,527	7,942
Commonwealth Reimbursements—					
Income Tax .. ..	..	6,318	6,423	6,431	} 8,771
Entertainments Tax .. ..	..	373	373	373	
Total .. ..	..	6,691	6,796	6,804	8,771
Grand Total	12,023	12,406	12,779	13,331	16,713
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 3	2 17 6	2 19 8	3 4 8	3 17 4
Commonwealth Reimbursements .. ..	..	3 7 3	3 7 9	3 7 4	4 5 4
Total	6 8 3	6 4 9	6 7 5	6 12 0	8 2 8

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1947.
	1945.	1946.	1947.	
Public Works—				£
Railways—				
As reduced	496,294	389,434	433,979	51,447,931
Transferred .. .. ..	..	..	..	29,134,658
Roads and Bridges	9,443	11,119	92,936	12,759,455
Water Supply and Sewerage	315,729	435,575	1,466,122	34,233,080
Electricity Supply .. .. ..	..	..	..	17,839,227
Public Buildings—				
Schools	164,784	177,107	539,436	6,982,938
Hospitals	605,747	118,020	176,230	1,690,633
Other	49,076	66,890	81,951	1,652,188
Housing	750,000	25,285	528,562	2,493,847
Unemployment Relief	3,891	433	..	13,147,158
Other Public Works .. .. ..	..	14,767	125,869	3,898,307
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a) .. .. ..	..	69,378	2,226,665	43,866,977
Advances to Settlers	(b) 717,217	(b) 223,158	(b) 99,253	3,681,200
Wire Netting Advances .. .. ..	..	79	5,878	885,729
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. .. ..	..	..	..	1,000,000
Forestry	480,600	657,029	1,329,450	4,428,570
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	437	499	197	592,086
Other Primary Production	45	9,562	10,230	1,117,099
Other Purposes	90,000	..	..	450,950
Total Public Works, &c.	3,683,342	2,204,134	7,110,880	231,302,033
In Aid of Revenue	4,255,000	..	..	9,118,682
Grand Total	7,938,342	2,204,134	7,110,880	240,420,715

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief, £625,000 in 1944-45, £129,000 in 1945-46, and £88,410 in 1946-47.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 10 3
1946	56,158	4,499	119,070	179,727	88 9 11
1947	56,158	4,501	122,437	183,096	89 1 9

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	
1945-46—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
December Quarter	83,215	121,397	204,612	68,397
March Quarter	80,709	132,062	212,771	73,606
June Quarter	78,887	134,872	213,759	80,607
1946-47—				
September Quarter	77,315	131,631	208,946	79,612
December Quarter	73,165	137,841	211,006	83,425
March Quarter	73,248	147,612	220,860	88,076
June Quarter	72,461	151,419	223,880	96,970
1947-48—				
September Quarter	72,564	144,409	216,973	105,881
December Quarter	71,865	152,440	224,305	111,881

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank of Australia and twelve other banks.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

	Period.						Total Amount Cleared. £'000
		
1929 Year ..							814,668
1939 ..							864,631
1944 ..							1,448,005
1945 ..							1,484,398
1946 ..							1,825,986
1947 ..							1,964,025
1946—March Quarter							422,340
June Quarter ..							465,192
September Quarter ..							452,795
December Quarter ..							485,659
1947—March Quarter ..							432,981
June Quarter ..							489,452
September Quarter ..							485,741
December Quarter ..							555,851

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
	State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
At 30th June—				
1929 ..	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931 ..	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939 ..	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1943 ..	97,517	23,732	121,249	61 3 7
1944 ..	122,682	31,205	153,887	77 9 7
1945 ..	143,216	38,933	182,149	90 10 5
1946 ..	163,723	47,603	211,326	104 2 2
1947 ..	168,148	47,959	216,107	104 16 9
At 31st December, 1947	171,511	47,402	218,913	106 10 3

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.	Mortgages Registered during Period.				
	Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.
	Number.	Consideration (c). £'000.	Number.	Consideration (c). £'000.	
Year ended 31st December—					£'000.
1929 ..	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815 22,050
1939 ..	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997 13,017
1945 ..	10,237	4,771	490	389	10,727 5,160
1946 ..	18,055	7,030	801	456	18,856 7,486
1947 ..	21,342	12,922	903	386	22,245 13,308
1947—					
March Quarter ..	4,469	2,715	177	43	4,646 2,758
June Quarter ..	5,290	2,663	242	83	5,532 2,746
September Quarter ..	6,003	3,964	252	165	6,255 4,129
December Quarter ..	5,580	3,580	232	95	5,812 3,675

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under such Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				
	1929.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	926	537	170	784	844
Foreign	62	37	28	68	69
Mining	22	28	2	10	13
Total	1,010	602	200	862	926
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	44,083	17,302	3,570	13,782	21,643
Foreign	(a)	8,975	15,523	19,764	14,488
Mining	1	..	20	88	1,266
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian	7,259	10,229	8,704	9,369	10,042
Foreign	899	643	751	804	856
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	10,246	6,854	1,582	11,560	24,518
Mining	244	1,097	30	90	395

(a) Not available.

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Year Ended 31st December.	Districts.								Whole State.
	Mallee.	Wim-mera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1941 ..	12.23	20.14	17.31	25.39	30.41	29.73	31.53	33.13	24.29
1942 ..	14.31	22.04	19.66	31.91	38.28	30.54	29.68	31.59	26.28
1943 ..	8.25	13.48	10.98	20.22	26.76	25.86	22.46	30.05	19.44
1944 ..	6.59	10.46	9.24	17.10	20.72	24.30	23.97	27.54	17.09
1945 ..	9.63	15.20	14.84	21.71	29.97	25.21	22.25	28.60	20.50
1946 ..	14.07	22.07	17.76	29.86	39.85	40.20	33.04	41.19	29.37
Averages (a) ..	12.49	17.52	18.09	27.06	34.81	27.58	29.64	33.47	24.28

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911-1940.

VICTORIA—AREA, YIELD, AND GROSS VALUE OF ALL CROPS,

1946-47.

Crop.	Area.	Yield.				Gross Value.(a)
Acres.						
Wheat	3,501,135	48,970,908	bushels	..	..	19,790,625(b)
Oats	453,898	6,401,430	bushels	..	..	1,379,949(b)
Barley—						
Malting (2 row)	124,079	2,106,595	bushels	..	..	756,159(b)
Other (6 row)	13,943	215,317	bushels	..	..	55,158
Maize	8,107	356,898	bushels	..	..	146,416
Rye	6,237	29,841	bushels	..	..	14,921
Hay—						
Wheaten	65,354	78,957	tons	..	..	311,312
Oaten	356,442	468,558	tons	..	..	1,908,025
Lucerne, &c.	42,492	77,287	tons	..	..	394,851
Meadow	213,499	360,422	tons	..	..	1,508,582
Straw	..	27,500	tons	..	..	116,188
Grass Seed	15,970	24,770	cwt.	..	..	116,729
Canary Seed	..	30	63	cwt.	..	127
Peas for grain	7,771	126,771	bushels	..	..	68,700
Green Fodder	49,659	..	..	..	..	126,598
Potatoes	56,400	223,782	tons	..	..	2,479,641(c)
Onions	6,460	28,244	tons	..	..	452,435
Other Vegetables	43,431	..	..	..	..	4,187,443
Sugar Beet	753	9,170	tons of beet (1,014 tons of sugar)	..	..	27,052
Turnips, Beet, &c., for fodder	1,357	4,924	tons	..	..	39,392
Mangolds	575	3,734	tons	..	..	18,670
Tobacco	1,186	9,706	cwt.	..	..	147,815
Hops	183	2,342	cwt.	..	..	36,616
Broom Millet	458	2,358	cwt. fibre	..	..	8,423
		1,190	cwt. seed	..	..	663
Chicory	423	413	tons	..	..	25,606
Flax	..	12,041	13,858	tons of straw	..	111,054
Orchards—						
Productive	56,869	..	..	..	..	3,311,622
Unproductive	14,443	..	..	..	..	..
Grapes—						
Table	1,507	3,537	tons	..	..	123,795
Wine	6,236	13,919	tons	..	..	205,351
Drying	33,808	172,430	tons producing—			
		33,041	tons of sultanas	..	..	2,170,977
		4,174	tons of raisins	..	..	288,439
		6,088	tons of currants	..	..	360,583
Vines, unproductive	1,397	..	..	..	..	..
Other Crops	6,837	..	..	..	..	366,044
Total Crops	5,102,980	..	..	..	..	41,055,961

(a) The gross value is based on the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. The places where primary products are absorbed locally or where they become raw materials for a secondary industry are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Includes Drought Relief, Marginal Area, and Flour Tax payments.

(c) Includes Subsidies.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				

Area of Crops.

	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1942-43	2,145,156	428,043	77,842	788,792	51,757	34,028	56,084
1943-44	1,793,428	426,305	83,259	740,672	70,430	34,077	57,023
1944-45	2,141,729	722,169	129,054	901,983	83,238	34,220	55,246
1945-46	3,251,393	511,483	134,132	1,060,496	63,000	33,607	56,512
1946-47	3,501,135	453,898	138,022	(c) 677,787	56,400	33,808	56,869

Total Production.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d).	
1942-43	41,803,107	6,637,944	1,273,704	1,051,107	195,138	55,059	..
1943-44	19,733,322	3,704,985	1,078,128	963,103	217,380	58,838	..
1944-45	3,497,677	1,335,429	359,536	704,246	305,216	39,934	..
1945-46	29,633,760	7,401,816	1,743,754	1,444,250	230,749	49,430	..
1946-47	48,970,908	6,401,430	2,321,912	985,224	223,782	43,303	..

Average Yield per Acre.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (d).	
1942-43	19·49	15·51	16·36	1·33	3·77	1·62	..
1943-44	11·00	8·69	12·95	1·30	3·09	1·73	..
1944-45	1·63	1·85	2·79	0·78	3·67	1·17	..
1945-46	9·11	14·47	13·00	1·36	3·66	1·47	..
1946-47	13·99	14·10	16·82	1·45	3·97	1·28	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes, and unproductive vines, the ares of which in 1946-47 amounted to 1,507, 6,236, and 1,397 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1946-47 was 14,443 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement.

(See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 65,354 acres and oaten 356,442 acres.

(d) Weight of dried produce.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March.	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
		No.	No.	No.		
1943	..	292,534	1,445,530	577,362	2,022,892	307,929
1944	..	277,662	1,406,028	607,005	2,013,033	337,878
1945	..	253,782	1,364,202	538,908	1,903,110	296,232
1946	..	232,473	1,299,769	527,318	1,827,087	271,887
1947	..	227,164	1,411,628	648,433	2,060,061	290,450

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb.
					lb.
1941-42	..	170,876,572	42,042,469	212,919,041	12,593,512
1942-43	..	174,045,163	34,159,329	208,204,492	14,223,964
1943-44	..	163,838,577	32,576,650	196,415,227	13,290,073
1944-45	..	142,615,657	34,527,400	177,143,057	11,856,369
1945-46	..	109,236,140	43,161,367	152,397,507	9,527,048
1946-47	..	150,807,569	46,268,669	197,076,238	18,708,593

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Factories	No. 9,250	No. 9,317	No. 9,669	No. 10,195
Persons employed (a)—				
Males	136,218	175,049	174,424	178,951
Females	65,613	86,250	83,209	77,298
Total	201,831	261,299	257,633	256,249
Wages paid (b)—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Males	29,006	58,611	59,533	56,773
Females	7,021	15,350	14,694	13,726
Total	36,027	73,961	74,227	70,499
Value of—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	6,177	6,299	6,306
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	5,951	5,985	6,208
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	149,189	152,761	154,225
Production (net)	65,996	123,331	122,377	122,406
Output	152,968	284,648	287,422	289,145
Land and buildings	42,026	55,063	57,809	60,265
Machinery and plant	38,570	55,458	58,571	58,537

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	1,221	1,271	1,615
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	1,235	1,368	1,715
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils and grease	4,462	9,992	8,708	7,395
Industrial metals, machines, implements and conveyances	16,460	47,602	44,084	39,165
Precious metals, jewellery and plate	547	483	505	722
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	11,704	11,586	12,415
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	2,117	2,154	2,331
Clothing	7,865	11,080	12,594	13,237
Food, drink and tobacco	12,610	19,051	19,918	19,696
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	4,070	4,202	4,197
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	1,139	1,143	1,653
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	4,930	6,292	6,795	7,189
Rubber	1,573	1,888	2,007	2,124
Musical instruments	24	17	21	36
Miscellaneous products	722	2,203	2,540	3,209
Heat, light and power	2,328	3,237	3,481	5,707
Total	65,996	123,331	122,377	122,406

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—BROWN COAL WON, BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED AND ELECTRICITY SENT OUT.

Period.	Brown Coal Won.		Briquettes Manufactured.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—			
	Yallourn Open Cut.	Yallourn North Open Cut.		Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	
	Tons'000	Tons'000	Tons'000	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	kWh millions	
1938-39 Year	..	3,643	(a)	400	103.2	824.1	927.3	102.8	739.2	842.0
1943-44	..	4,829	87	417	130.4	1,345.2	1,475.6	129.8	1,273.1	1,402.9
1944-45	..	5,249	47	431	119.8	1,382.5	1,502.3	119.3	1,307.4	1,426.7
1945-46	..	5,449	49	493	185.7	1,408.9	1,594.6	185.2	1,329.1	1,514.3
1946-47	..	5,618	133	490	206.2	1,484.8	1,691.0	205.8	1,399.0	1,604.8
1946-47—										
September Quarter		1,495	33	137	69.2	385.1	454.3	69.2	363.3	432.5
December Quarter		1,320	32	114	77.9	334.4	412.3	77.7	314.5	392.2
March Quarter	..	1,424	41	138	33.0	356.1	389.1	32.9	335.4	368.3
June Quarter	..	1,379	27	101	26.1	409.2	435.3	26.0	385.8	411.8
1947-48—										
September Quarter		1,600	39	147	72.2	423.3	495.5	72.0	399.6	471.6
December Quarter		1,388	47	128	84.2	370.9	455.1	83.3	349.5	432.8

(a) No operations during 1938-39.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE (a)—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES. (New Series.)

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.		
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.						
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	
1938 Year	..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939	..	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1940	..	5,686	6,827	410	2,166	5,569	1,462	11,665	10,455
1941	..	6,193	6,849	250	921	5,392	1,403	11,835	9,173
1942	..	262	225	58	260	2,135	636	2,455	1,121
1943	..	80	43	39	513	3,450	550	3,569	1,106
1944	..	263	177	30	126	6,398	895	6,691	1,198
1945	..	1,944	2,059	107	443	6,644	1,046	8,695	3,548
1946	..	7,292	9,875	241	1,314	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947	..	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1947—									
March Quarter	..	2,152	3,340	86	228	1,515	355	3,753	3,923
June Quarter	..	2,122	3,176	111	288	1,639	409	3,872	3,873
September Quarter	..	2,259	3,567	136	924	1,801	474	4,196	4,965
December Quarter	..	2,254	3,602	143	716	1,709	819	4,106	5,137

(a) The particulars are in respect of municipalities and parts of municipalities in the metropolitan areas re-defined from 1st January, 1947. The statement is, therefore, not comparable with information shown on page 30 of the *Quarterly Abstract of Statistics* for December, 1946 (No. 1).

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.)		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
1939 Year ..	647	£'000. 460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1940 ..	481	346	32	197	532	133	1,045	676
1941 ..	424	351	31	100	530	117	985	568
1942 ..	57	41	12	20	264	29	333	90
1943 ..	6	3	11	29	361	46	378	78
1944 ..	30	15	19	23	474	91	523	129
1945 ..	218	206	23	34	646	94	887	334
1946 ..	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947 ..	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,293
1947—								
March Quarter	202	239	13	23	238	43	453	305
June Quarter	180	218	10	35	242	43	432	296
September Qr.	218	282	13	31	234	41	465	354
December Qr.	219	293	11	10	223	35	453	338

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura, and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and the Borough of Shepparton.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of Government buildings and of building operations by the Housing Commission of Victoria.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
Prior to 1941-42 ..	1,002	135	1,137	714	54	768
1941-42 Year ..	90	..	90	322	81	403
1942-43 ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 ..	747	345	1,092	(b) 539	(b) 115	(b) 654
1945-46 ..	1,677	677	2,354	(b) 889	(b) 204	(b) 1,093
1946-47 ..	2,050	891	2,941	(b) 893	(b) 552	(b) 1,445
1947-48—						
September Qr. (c)	240	162	402	376	171	547
December Qr. (c)	371	270	641	406	265	671
Total to 31st December, 1947 (c) ..	6,616	2,555	9,171	4,336	1,442	5,778

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Revised figures.

(c) Subject to revision.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected at Sunshine by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.